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IN THE TITLE

Please replace the original Title, with the following new Title:

-- DRUM WASHING MACHINE WITH AUXILIARY BAFFLE --

Please amend the originally-filed Specification, as follows:

(a) for the paragraph of page 2, lines 8-18, please amendthe paragraph as follows:

JP-A-2002-31598 JP-A-2002-315985 proposes a construction in which auxiliary baffles

are provided on a rear end plate of the rotating tub in a drum washing machine with a rotating

tub inclined frontward upward in order that reduction in the cleaning performance due to the

unbalanced state of laundry may be restrained. Laundry tends to be easily one-sided to an

inner interior of the rotating tub when the rotating tub is inclined frontward upward. According

to the foregoing construction, the laundry one-sided in the inner interior of the rotating tub is

sufficiently agitated, washing unevenness can be restrained.

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(b) for the paragraph of page 3, lines 5-16, please delete the paragraph in its entirety

and replace with the following paragraph:

- - According to an aspect of the present invention, there is provided a drum washing

machine comprising an elastic supporting unit which elastically supports vibration system

members including at least a water tub, a rotating tub which is provided in the water tub so as

to be rotatable about a transverse axis and has an inner peripheral wall and an electric motor

which drives the rotating tub, and a baffle assembly, the rotating tub having two axial end

plates, wherein the baffle assembly includes an auxiliary baffle which is provided on an inner

surface of the inner peripheral wall of the rotating tub so as to extend in an axial direction of

the rotating tub and is located so as to be close to one of both axial end plates of the rotating

tub and spaced away from the other end plate of the rotating tub; and the auxiliary baffle has

an inclined portion descending from one end plate side toward the other end plate side to the

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inner peripheral wall of the rotating tub and a triangular inclined surface downwardly inclined

from the inclined portion toward the inner peripheral wall of the rotating tub, the inclined

surface working on laundry in the rotating tub so that the laundry is pushed thereby to be

moved.--